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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 307

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BILL AMENDED: Jan 22, 2009

SUBJECT: Silver Alert for Missing Endangered Adults.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Avery

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the Law Enforcement Training Board to provide training in interacting with missing endangered adults. The bill also creates the Silver Alert Program to alert the public regarding missing endangered adults. The bill renames the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children as the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults (Clearinghouse). This bill also requires the clearinghouse to operate the Silver Alert Program in addition to operating the Amber Alert Program. The bill makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Silver Alert for Missing Endangered Adults:* This bill will increase the workload of the Indiana State Police (ISP) to include information regarding missing endangered adults in the Clearinghouse, along with missing children. The bill expands the population of individuals that can be listed in the Clearinghouse and can potentially increase the information that law enforcement would be required to transmit to Silver Alert Program participants.

Currently, Missouri has an Endangered Persons Advisory that is similar to the Amber Alert system. Missouri reported that there are no costs associated with their program, which is used to develop and coordinate the efforts of law enforcement and the media in order to increase public participation in safely recovering endangered missing persons by increased communication and effective resource sharing.

Missouri's program is a cooperative effort between the Missouri Department of Public Safety, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Missouri Police Chiefs Association, the Missouri Sheriffs Association, and the Missouri Broadcasters Association.

ISP was unable to provide information regarding the impact this legislation would have on operations and expenditures. [This fiscal note shall be updated as information is provided by ISP.]

(Revised) *Health Finance Commission Study*: The bill also requires the Health Finance Commission to study whether Indiana should require endangered adults to wear electronic devices to assist in locating missing endangered adults. This provision will result in no fiscal impact to the state.

(Revised) *Training in Interacting with Missing Endangered Adults*: This bill will change minimum training requirements for law enforcement personnel and firefighters to better prepare officers to interact with endangered adults. Currently, curriculum offered by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (LEA) to law enforcement personnel includes some sort of training in interacting with the elderly. This legislation will impact the minimum required training and recertification curriculum offered by LEA to law enforcement officers, but can be fulfilled within the current curriculum.

Currently, the LEA requires 24 hours of recertification training for law enforcement officers, of which the following courses require 2 hours of training; firearms, emergency vehicle training, and physical tactics/use of force. Local law enforcement agency administrators decide recertification courses for officers outside of the designated training hours.

Current curriculum requires one hour of training in interacting with the elderly. Additionally, LEA reports that officers would receive training through the six-hour course that provides training in interacting with individuals with mental health problems. LEA feels that the current courses offered to law enforcement provide training in interacting with endangered adults.

Background Information: A search of the National Center for Missing Adults website revealed that in Indiana, 26 individuals are listed as missing. This search does not include how many adults were reported as missing and were later solved or how many adults are reported missing per year.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill will increase the workload of local law enforcement to provide identifying information on missing endangered adults for inclusion in the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults. Actual increases in workload will depend on how many reports of missing endangered adults are received by local law enforcement.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: ISP.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

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